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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Bena Miller

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

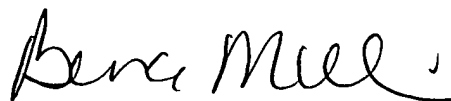
- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.



DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the a hole in the nose, neck, hand, finger, toe, wrist, arm, shoulder, leg, ankle, knee, elbow, paw, tail and a hip must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 1-4, 6, 7, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Philippi in view of Doran et al and Unalp et al.

Philippi teaches in the figures most of the elements in the claimed invention, including a modified surface (fig.1). However, Philippi fails to teach a plush doll, a hole through an ear and at least one ferrous portion permanently embedded completely inside the interior. Doran et al teach a doll stage construction wherein the doll is moved by magnet 17. Unalp et al teaches a doll having a hole within the ear of the doll. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a doll as taught by Doran for the toy of Philippi for the purpose of simulating a puppet show. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a hole as taught by Unalp et al in the toy of Philippi for the purpose adding interest to the doll's appearance. It is well known in the prior art that dolls are made of plush. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to make the toy of Philippi plush for the purpose of preventing injury to a child.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unalp et al in view of Woolington.

Unalp et al teaches in the figures most of the elements of the claimed invention, except for a plush teddy bear doll. Woolington teaches a plush teddy bear talking doll. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use plush as taught by Woolington for the toy of Unalp et al for the purpose preventing injury to a child.

Claims 8-13,15, 18, 19, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doran et al in view of Woolington.

Doran et al teaches in the figures most of the elements of the claimed invention, except for a plush teddy bear doll. Woolington teaches a plush teddy bear talking doll. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use plush as taught by Woolington for the toy of Unalp et al for the purpose preventing injury to a child.

Regarding claims 18-20, the examiner considers the stage of Doran as set forth above meets the limitation of a box and the examiner takes the position that the stage box of Philippi is capable of storing the figure, manipulator and the at least one accessory.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

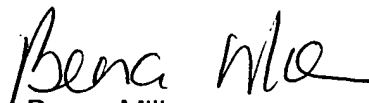
Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 571.272.4427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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